news channel has been made under any pressure or is it just to complete the formality;

(c) if so, what will be the effect on the working of news channel; and

(d) if not, by when appointment of permanent Director-General of news channels of All India Radio and Doordarshan will be made?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Improvement of programmes of Doordarshan News is a continuing process and the content and presentation is being regularly upgraded. It has been decided to synergise Radio and Doordarshan news under the aegis of Prasar Bharati. Under this scheme, Director-General (News) of All India Radio has also been given charge of Doordarshan (News).

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Revenue of Prasar Bharati

83. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revenue of the Prasar Bharati has doubled and 50 percent of the revenue comes from outside;

(b) whether for building a society and societal values, Prasar Bharati will have to play a public broadcaster's role which could not be purely commercial and the rural development programme could also be made more interesting and entertaining like the BBC;

(c) whether the serials could also play a tremendous role in creating social awakening and empowering women; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to make Prasar Bharati a public broadcasting organisation?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The revenue of Doordarshan has been increasing in recent years. The total revenue of Prasar Bharati during the last three years is as given below:

Year	Revenue (Rupees in crores)
1998-1999	493.06
1999-2000	678.03
2000-2001	711.41

A substantial portion of the revenue comes from Non-Government sources.

(b) to (d) Doordarshan and AIR have a mandate to organize and conduct Public Service Boradcasting. Prasar Bharati is not guided solely by commercial considerations. Development issues, issues related to social awakening and empowering women are already being given due priority. Prasar Bharati is constantly endeavouring to improve its service and role as a Public Broadcasting Organisation.

Activities of private satellite channel in Tamil Nadu

84. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are aware of the fact that a private satellite channel in Tamil Nadu is whipping up communal passion to create law and order problem in the State; and

(b) whether Government will take firm action against that channel in the larger interest of the society and the country?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Irrelevant laws

† 85. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee constituted by Government has found some laws irrelevant and reported the same to Government;

(b) if so, when this report was received by Government and what is the total number of these irrelevant laws;

(c) whether Government have also decided to repeal these irrelevant laws;

(d) if so, when this decision was taken; and

(e) the present position of implementation of this decision?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (e) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.